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SUBJECT: DOL CEPECA SEMINAR

REF: STATE 156846

1. IN MEETING JULY 22, BEIU EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF SEMINAR AS OUTLINED, DECLINING TO SUGGEST ANY MODIFICATIONS IN TOPICS TO BE COVERED. IN VIEW OF BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS, HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED THAT SEMINAR BE GIVEN MORE GENERAL TITLE, SUCH AS "CURRENT PROBLEMS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT." OTHER COMMENTS FOLLOW.

2. BEIU HAS ALREADY CONTACTED ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF LABOR TO INVITE PARTICIPATION AND ASKED US TO FOLLOW UP WITH LETTER TO MINISTER, WHICH WE ARE DOING. HE ALSO URGED US TO CONTACT COMMITTEE FOR PROBLEMS OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS (CPPC), BOTH TO SOLICIT PARTICIPATION AND TO ASK THEM TO ORGANIZE TRIP OUTSIDE BUCHAREST FOR TALKS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS. BOTH BEIU AND WE FEEL THAT TRIP WOULD BE MOST USEFUL BEFORE SEMINAR FATHER THAN AFTER, AND WE INTEND TAKE THIS LINE WITH CPPC. CPPC WOULD ACT AS HOST FOR WEEK OF VISITS OUTSIDE BUCHAREST, WHILE CEPECA WILL BE HOST FOR SEMINAR WEEK IN BUCHAREST.

3. BEIU POINTED OUT THAT HOLDING SEMINAR AT CEPECA WOULD POSE LOGISTICS PROBLEMS, SINCE CEPECA IS A HALF-HOUR DRIVE FROM CENTER

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OF TOWN. ABOUT 100 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED. IF ALTERNATIVE

SITE, SUCH AS INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, IS CHOSEN, HOWEVER, CEPECA WOULD BE UNABLE TO PICK UP TAB. PLEASE ADVISE ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

4. IF PAPERS ARE TO BE DELIVERED AT SEMINAR, CEPECA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADVANCE COPIES, PREFERABLY IN SEPTEMBER, IN ORDER TO TRANSLATE AND DISTRIBUTE TO ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS.

5. BEIU WILL BE ON VACATION FOR MOST OF AUGUST. WE WILL KEEP DOL POSTED ON PROGRESS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH CPPC.
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